



Pigeon Drop

The key element of a Pigeon Drop offense is the finding of a large quantity of money and convincing the potential victim they can share in the money.

The victim is approached by at least one suspect who engages the victim in conversation. The suspect alone (or joined by a second suspect) will find or tell the victim they found a package containing money and offers to split the currency with the victim.

The suspect may use a cellular phone to contact the "boss" or leave with the package to see the "boss." The victim is told the boss will help them share the money. He may require each of them to put up some "good faith" money. The victim is convinced to produce several thousand dollars to be able to receive a share of the "found money."

The victim is led to believe that they will split the large amount of money for doing very little on their part. Eventually, the money is taken from the victim and given to the purported "boss" to hold. The victim is sent into a business to see the "boss" to retrieve their money, and their share of the found money, only to discover there is no boss and the suspects are gone.

Beware of strangers who offer you money, and require you to give money in order to receive money. Direct any inquiries relative to this correspondence to the Senior Services Section, at 312-745-5141 or Pax 0260.